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MUMBAI LOCAL TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are aware of frequent cancellation of local trains in Mumbai leading to chaos at various stations; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to address this problem ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b) No, Madam. Local trains on Mumbai suburban section are cancelled only on a few occasions due to reasons like trespassing, jamming of level crossing gate, roof top traveling, alarm chain pulling, asset failures etc. Cancellations are done primarily to normalize subsequent services. During the month of October 2010, the percentage of such cancellations was less than 0.5% out of 82,844 local trains run in Mumbai.

Remedial action is taken for the factors responsible for cancellation of local trains. Besides,awareness campaigns are being organized to counsel trespassers, roof top travellers and to prevent alarm chain pulling.